

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 OSLO 00998 01 OF 02 280820Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-02 INR-10
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15
ACDA-12 IO-14 EB-08 OES-07 SNM-05 COME-00 TRSE-00
OMB-01 CEQ-01 EPA-04 DEAE-00 /124 W
-----059956 280851Z /11

R 280637Z FEB 78
FM AMEMBASSY OSLO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5340
INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
AMEMBASSY HELSINKI
AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK
AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 OSLO 0998

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PEPR, NO, SW, FI, DA, IC
SUBJECT: 26TH SESSION OF NORDIC COUNCIL

1. SUMMARY. THE 26TH SESSION OF THE NORDIC COUNCIL WAS HELD IN OSLO, FEBRUARY 18-22, AT THE NORWEGIAN STORTING (PARLIAMENT). FORMER NORWEGIAN PM TRYGVE BRATTELI SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE SESSION. HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND LEADING POLITICAL FIGURES FROM NORWAY, ICELAND, DENMARK, SWEDEN AND FINLAND PARTICIPATED. PROPOSALS FOR A NORDIC TV SATELLITE, FOR NORDIC CONSULTATION ON THE INTER-NATIONAL ECONOMY, AND ON NARCOTICS CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WERE AMONG THE ITEMS CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING. FOREIGN-POLICY ISSUES WERE NOT DISCUSSED. (THESE ARE RESERVED TO THE NORDIC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS). THE 27TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN STOCKHOLM IN FEBRUARY 1979. END SUMMARY.

2. THE 26TH SESSION OF THE NORDIC COUNCIL, CONSISTING OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM NORWAY, ICELAND, DENMARK, SWEDEN
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 OSLO 00998 01 OF 02 280820Z

AND FINLAND, WAS HELD FEBRUARY 18-22 AT THE NORWEGIAN STORTING (PARLIAMENT). FORMER NORWEGIAN PM TRYGVE BRATTELI SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE SESSION. HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND LEADING POLITICAL FIGURES FROM THE FIVE NORDIC COUNTRIES PARTICIPATED.

3. DURING THE FIVE DAYS' SESSION, THE COUNCIL PLOWED THROUGH

MORE THAN 200 PROPOSALS, DEALING WITH VARIOUS REGIONAL CONCERNS. MATTERS DRAWING DELEGATES' SERIOUS ATTENTION INCLUDED: A) PROPOSAL FOR A NORDIC TV SATELLITE; B) CALL FOR CLOSE NORDIC CONSULTATION ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC MATTERS; C) NORDIC COOPERATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; D) COOPERATION ON NARCOTICS CONTROL.

4. (A) NORDIC TV SATELLITE. THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT THE WORK OF EXPERTS' GROUP CONTINUE, AND THAT A RECOMMENDATION BE PRESENTED TO THE MARCH NORDIC MINISTERIAL MEETING. THE MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO APPROVE THE SATELLITE PROGRAM, WHICH ENVISAGES AN 11-CHANNEL SYSTEM TO DISSEMINATE BROADCASTS FROM THE FIVE NORDIC COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE NORDIC REGION. A DECISION TO BUILD THE SYSTEM, HOWEVER, IS NOT EXPECTED UNTIL 1980-81.

(B) THE COUNCIL ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATION OF ITS ECONOMIC STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSULTATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AND EMPLOYMENT, NOTING THAT NORDIC POLICY MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE REALITIES IN THE NON-NORDIC WORLD. NORDIC COORDINATION SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORA WHERE ECONOMIC POLICY MEASURES ARE DISCUSSED AT THE GOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT LEVEL, THE COUNCIL DECIDED. A PROPOSAL FOR ALIGNMENT OF POLICIES BY NORDIC GOVERNMENTS TO COMBAT UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION, PUT FORTH BY ERLENDUR PATURSSON UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 OSLO 00998 01 OF 02 280820Z

OF DENMARK, AND SUPPORTED IN AN INTERVENTION BY FORMER PM OLAF PALME OF SWEDEN, WAS VOTED DOWN BY THE COUNCIL.

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 OSLO 00998 02 OF 02 280837Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-02 INR-10
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15
ACDA-12 IO-14 EB-08 OES-07 SNM-05 COME-00 TRSE-00
OMB-01 CEQ-01 EPA-04 DEAE-00 /124 W

-----060058 280851Z /11

R 280637Z FEB 78

FM AMEMBASSY OSLO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5341
INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
AMEMBASSY HELSINKI
AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK
AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 2 OSLO 0998

(C) ENVIRONMENT. THE COUNCIL ENDORSED MINISTERIAL DECISIONS TO ESTABLISH A COMMON NORDIC ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM, INCLUDING COMMON AIR/WATER STANDARDS, ABATEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT MEASURES, NORDIC SUPPORT FOR A EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONVENTION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (ECE) OF UN, AND AN AGREED PROGRAM OF PREPAREDNESS AGAINST OIL DISASTERS IN OFF-SHORE OIL OPERATIONS. THE OIL DISASTER PROGRAM CALLS FOR A JOINT RESEARCH EFFORT, A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PERSONNEL TO FIGHT DISASTERS, AND THE PREPARATION OF JOINT SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR PLATFORMS AND TANKERS.

(D) NARCOTICS. SOME DELEGATES, PARTICULARLY THE NORWEGIANS, CALLED FOR STRONG MEASURES TO COMBAT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND ABUSE, INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL NARCOTICS BUREAU IN THE NORDIC COUNTRIES, AND SEVERE, UNIFORMLY APPLIED PENALTIES IN ALL NORDIC COUNTRIES FOR CONVICTED TRAFFICKERS AND ABUSERS. THE COUNCIL STOPPED, HOWEVER, AT ENDORSING AN EARLIER MINISTERIAL DECISION WHICH ENCOURAGES CLOSER COOPERATION
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 OSLO 00998 02 OF 02 280837Z

BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT, CUSTOMS AND PORTS-OF-ENTRY AUTHORITIES IN THE NORDIC LANDS.

5. COMMENT. EXCEPT FOR A FEW SPARKS STURCK BY LAPPS AND FAROE ISLANDERS DEMANDING REPRESENTATION IN THE COUNCIL, THE 26TH SESSION WAS A VERY HUM-DRUM AFFAIR. MOST OF THE DECISIONS DEALT WITH COORDINATION OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE INTERNAL POLICIES OF THE NORDIC COUNTRIES. SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS WERE NOT ON THE AGENDA, SINCE, TO THE EXTENT THESE MATTERS ARE TREATED IN A NORDIC CONTEXT, THEY ARE HANDLED BY THE MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. THE NORWEGIANS HAD EXPECTED A PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE NORDIC ACTION TO COMBAT UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION, BUT WERE DISAPPOINTED, PARTLY BECAUSE OF A LACK OF INTEREST BY BOTH THE SWEDES AND THE FINNS.

6. ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE COUNCIL, LIKE THE COMMON NORDIC PASSPORT, COME ABOUT SLOWLY, AND UNDRAMATICALLY. THE 26TH SESSION MAY BE REMEMBERED FOR, IF NOTHING ELSE,

MOVING THE NORDIC TV SATELLITE A LITTLE CLOSER TO THE
LAUNCHING PAD.
BREMER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: COMMITTEES, MEETING REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 28 feb 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978OSLO00998
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780091-0428
Format: TEL
From: OSLO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t1978023/aaaaacoa.tel
Line Count: 173
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 88b9b7d2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 feb 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3528028
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: 26TH SESSION OF NORDIC COUNCIL
TAGS: PEPR, NO, SW, FI, DA, IC
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/88b9b7d2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014